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WASHINGTON, D. C., TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1880.

TWO CENTS.

### SPECIAL NOTICES.

I. O. O. F.—The regular Quarterly Com-munication of the R. W. GRAND LODGE, D. C., will be held TO-MORROW (Wednesday), January 14, at 7 o'clock p.m. F. HALL SWEET, Grand Secretary.

THE KINDERGARTEN IN THE NURSERY. A course of 20 Lectures by Mrs. LOUISE POLLOCK at the Kindercarten Normal Institute, 229 8th st., EVERY WEDNESDAY at 3 o'clock. Diplomas awarded to governesses. Mothers specially invited. VACCINE POINTS 15c. EACH, 10 FOR \$1.00. VACCINE QUILLS 25c. each, 5 for \$1.00. Fresh and pure from the State Vaccine Farm, at chambersburg. Pa. For sale by J. W. DREW, Apothecary cor 9th st. and Pa. ave. n.w. ian12.24

GRAND LODGE, F. A. A. M. OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The Stated Communication of the Grand Lodge F. A. A. M. of the District of Columbia will be held at Masonic Temple on WEDNESDAY, January 14, at 6 o'clock

P.m.
By order of the M. W. Grand Master.
jan 12-2t W. R. SINGLETON, Grand Sec. SERIAL SAVINGS AND BUILDING ASSOCIATION.—The regular meeting of the
Serial will be held WEDNESDAY, 14th instant.
The few shares remaining in the 4th series may be
subscribed for at the meeting, No. 615 7th st.,
opposite Patent Office, 7 p.m. Shares \$1 each.
JAMES S. EDWARDS, President.
JNO. A. PRESCOTT, Seretary and Treasurer.
jan12-2t

BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE. EXTRA QUALITY DRY. BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE. EXTRA QUALITY DRY.

THE MOST DELICIOUS DRY WINE IN THE MARKET.

FOR SALE BY THOMAS RUSSELL, 1213 PENNA. AVENUE.

BOVINE VACCINE VIRUS, from the New England Vaccine Co.; 10 points \$1 (doubly charged); single points 20c.; Solid Lymph Conc, \$3. W.S. THOMPSON, 703 15th st. n. w. jan3-2w\*

NOTICE.
OFFICE OF THE MUTUAL FIRE INS. CO. OF)
D.C., No. 636 Louisiana avenue,
D.C., No. 636 Louisiana avenue,
Washington, January 2, 1880.

The annual meeting of the Mutual Fire Insurance
Company of the District of Columbia will be held
on the third MONDAY of January, 1889, the 19th
instant, at Odd Fellows' Hall, 7th st., between D
and Ests. n.w., commencing at 9 o'clock a.m.

By the charter of the company the election of
seven managers to constitute a board to conduct
the affairs of the company is required to be held at
the above meeting.

By the 6th article of the by-laws of the company
it is provided: "At the annual meeting of the company the first business in order shall be the accord-

the above meeting.

By the 6th article of the by-laws of the company it is provided: "At the annual meeting of the company the first business in order shall be the appointment of a chairman, who shall conduct the meeting and electian in accordance with the act of incorporation, between the hours of 9 o'clock a.m. and 6 p.m." All policy-holders are requested purietually to at-

Amount of premium notes held by the company. \$1,310,188.66 Cash 20,782.27 Securities. 140,151.00 Real Estate. 35,000.00 Loeses by fire during the year ending December 31, 1879. 10,001.00 By order of the Board of Managers of the Mutual ire Insurance Company. Fire Insurance Company. ian3-14t J. WESLEY BOTELER, Secretary.

INVESTMENTS. — Bonds and Stocks bought and sold. New York Stock Exchanges and other cities

STOCKS CARRIED ON MARGIN.

Foreign Coins dealt in, and Foreign and Domestic Exchange. H. D. COOKE, JR., & CO., del6-1m Bankers, 1429 F st., Washington, D. C.

SPECIAL NOTICE. CONGRESS WATER.

Its superiority as a cathartic and alterative consists in its entire freedom from everything bitter, acid or crude that produces headache, internal soreness, and tends to destroy the mucous membrane. All mineral waters that are dangerous irritants may be known by an acid after-taste. SPECIAL NOTICE—A fresh supply of PURE NORWEGIAN COD LIVER OIL STORE Store, corner 9th st. and Pennsylvania ave., at 50 cts. per full pint bottle. oct4

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BLUE LICK WATER,
BETHESDA WATER, DEEP ROOK WATER,
AND GAYSER SARATOGA WATER,
A fresh supply of the above natural waters.
For sale on draught in all quantities.
At
MILBURN'S PHARMACY,
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1429 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.

# AMUSEMENTS.

ODFELLOWS HALL.
STH STREET EAST.
THURSDAY, JAN. 15th, GRAND GALA NIGHT,
Benefit of Union Lodge No. 11, I. O. O. F.
Baker's Dramatic company in the "FORGED CHECK" and the roaring farce entitled, "ELIXIR OF LIFE." Master Frank Lozano in his boquet of songs. Mr. Herb. Bartley in his famous recitation of "The Vagabonds." Jno. H. Knapp in funny German sayings and songs. Mr. Alex. McKenny in the "Cer Chew Duet." Doors open at 6% o'clock, performance commences at 7½. No reserved seats. Admission, 25 cents. jan13-2t\*

NATIONAL THEATER. Sothern. An overwhelming reception was last night accorded to Mr.
SOTHERN,

COMPANY OF COMEDIANS.

In his original creation of
DUNDREARY,
Which will be repeated this evening and Saturday
Matinee. Matinee.
To-morrow, Matinee at 2,
EVERYBODY'S FRIEND.
Mr. Edward Lamb....as....Wellington De Boots.
Wednesday and Thursday Evenings,
DAVID GARRICK

AN ALARMING SACRIFICE.
FRIDAY EVENING, FAREWELL BENEFIT,
Dundreary's Brother
AND DUNDREARY MARRIED AND SETTLED.
Saturday Evening, Last Appearance,
THE CRUSHED TRAGEDIAN.

Monday, January 19-LOTTA. THEATER COMIQUE.

MONDAY, Jan. 12, nightly, and MATINEES.
Engagement of the great LEONZO BROTHERS and
their wonderful acting dog. TIGER, in their own
drama, entitled RUPERT'S DOG. The Great Irish
Four, Williams, Edwards, Miles and Daity. 3 Milo
Brothers. 3. Al. W. Filson, Neil Smith and his
Trained Dogs, Professor Steen and Mile Addie. 312

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AS HON. JOS. GRIMWIG. VON BOYLE

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EFF Please remember Name and Number. \$23-6m

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House, 15c.; choice Sirloin, 123/c.; choice Round,
10c.; choice Rib Roast, 10c.; choice Plain Roast,
10c.; choice Lamb Chops, 123/c.; choice Lamb
Roast, 10c.; choice Veal Cutlets, 15c.; choice
Roast Veal, 10 and 123/c.; choice Prime Print Butter, 30 and 35c.; choice Corned Beef, 5 to 8c.
Choice Vegetables in season, fresh every day at
lowest prices.

THIS IS THE BURGLAR'S SEASON. NATIONAL SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY, 15th street and New York avenue.

Fire, Burylar and Damp Proof Vaults from \$5 to \$60 a year. Government Bonds on deposit for \$1 per \$1,000. Also, receives Silverware in trunks for moderate rate. Board of Managers—Wm. Stickney, president; Geo. W. Biggs, vice president; B. P. Snyder, scretary; A. L. Surlevant, treasurer; Henry At Willard, John Onesols, Thos. Evans.

enue, \$177,869.18; customs, \$563,340.39. SIGNED.-The President to-day signed the bill making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1881. The bill appropriates \$32,404,-

Among the President's Callers to-day were Senators Logan, Dawes, Platt, Saunders and

Representatives Garfield, Valentine, Stone, Up-THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES yesterday, by a vote of 115 to 115, refused to suspend the rules to pass a bill providing for the importation of sait iree of duty. Mr. Henkle presented a resolution of the corporation of Annapolis, Md., for the erection there of a monument to the

memory of Baron DeKalb. COMMODORE BLAKE'S NOMINATION CONFIRMED. The Senate yesterday confirmed the nomination of Capt. Homer C. Blake to be a commodore in the navy. This action was reached after two hours' debate, in continuation of the dis-cussion commenced last Thursday, upon the legal questions involved in the opposition to Capt. Blake's promotion, and to that of Capt. Barrett, made by friends of Capt. Eybert Thompson, of New York, now on the retired list, who claimed that he is entitled to restoration and promotion on the active list in preference to

either Barrett or Blake. WANTS A PENSION .- Senator Withers presented to the Senate yesterday a petition from the widow of ex-President Tyler, Mrs. Julia Gard-ner Tyler, asking for a pension.

ALL THE MATERIAL POINTS of the correspondence between Col. Mosby, U.S. consul at Hong Kong, and the State department, touching the alleged malfeasance at the Hong Kong consulate, transmitted to the House yesterday by the Secretary of State, were printed in The Star

CONFIRMATIONS. - The Senate, in executive session, yesterday confirmed the nominations of U.S. Attorneys—Chas. S. Varien, for the district of Nevada; John K. Valentine, for the eastern district of Pa.; also to be captain in the revenue service of the United States, 1st Lieut. John C. Mitchell.

THE KELLOGG-SPOFFORD INVESTIGATION .- The Senate committee on privileges and elections yesterday resumed the taking of testimony in the Kellogg-Spofford case. Gen. J. H. Sypher, ex-Congressman from Louisiana, was called in further rebuttal of the testimony of Barney Williams, given before the sub-committee at New Orleans, one of Williams' statements being that Sypher was present in senator Kellogg's room at Willard's Hotel on the night of June 4th last, and witnessed a distribution of money th last, and witnessed a distribution of money by Kellogg to five specified witnesses whom he (Williams) had conducted thither. Sypher yesterday testified that he was in Kellogg's room twice during the evening, between the hours of 7 and 8, and about 12 O'clock, but swore positively that he did not see any of the five witnesses, and that neither then nor at any other time had he seen Kellogg give money to these or any other witnesses. He also testified that he saw nothing of any drinking or merry-making such as Williams alleged was in progress at Kellogg's room on this same evening. He had no knowledge of Randall's going to the depot to neet the witnesses, and had not himself ever had any conversation of consequence with any of them. On examination by Judge Shellabarger with reference to Williams' assertion that Kellogg kept him (Williams) well supplied with money while here, Sypher testified that Williams said he was out of money and wanted to make a loan from Sypher in July, but didn't get it. John A Walsh Seturdays with wanted to make a loan from Sypher in July, but didn't get it. John A. Walsh (Saturday's wit-ness) was recalled and cross-examined by Judge Morrick, with the result of cilidities state. that the object of his visit to New Orleans in November was to attend the trial of a criminal suit brought against him under several indictments, which charged him with having defrauded the government; that he had defeated the government in a civil suit for \$23,000, and also in a coincident criminal action for refusing to produce certain books; that he had been in the distillery business, but since Mr. Bristow made it illegal to manufacture whisky, he had retired from the business on high moral grounds, and not because he was hopeless of concealing it from Mr. Bristow [laughter]; and that neither in this business nor in his two mail contracts had Mr. Kellogg ever had any interest.

The committee at its meeting to-day examined that the object of his visit to New Orleans in The committee at its meeting to-day examined five witnesses for Senator Kellogg. Their testimony was further rebuttal of testimony taken before the sub-committee at New Orleans.

MOVEMENTS OF U.S. NAVAL VESSELS,-The U.S. steamer Lackawanna, Capt. Ralph Chandler commanding, arrived at Honolulu, Sand-wich Islands. December 11th last. The Wachu-setts was at Rio de Janeiro, December 11th.

THE TRADE OF GERMANY .- Mr. Kreismann, U. S. consul general at Berlin, in his dispatch to the Department of State, dated Nov. 29, 1879, transmits the annual report of the trade of Germany. There has been a great rise in rail-road stocks, owing to the action of the govern-ment in purehasing several lines of road—one of Bismarck's schemes for revenue. The crops of Bismarck's schemes for revenue. The crops of Germany have equalled the average of previous years. The falling off in other parts of Europe, however, has raised the prices of wheat and rye materially in Prussia. There has been a great increase in the cultivation of beet-root sugar. A movement is on foot to hold an international fair in Berlin in isse. Bismarck inclines to an earlier exhibition, confined to the German and Austrn. Eurogriph compiles. It is decorated Austro-Hungarian empires. It is also proposed to hold during the ensuing year an international fishery exhibition, to which the United States is expected to contribute. Mr. Kreismann, in a subsequent dispatch, notes the unusually warn reception given to the President's message by

NAVAL ORDERS .- Ensign S. C. Lemly to duty at the nautical almanac office, Washington. Gunner J. A. McDonald to the Colorado at New Gunner J. A. McDonaid to the Colorado at New York. Chief Engineer C. H. Loring has reported his return home from the Asiatic station, and has been placed on waiting orders. Assistant Surgeon W. G. G. Willson has reported his return home from the Asiatic station, and is placed on waiting orders. Gunner G. L. Albro from the Colorado, and placed on waiting orders.

SENATOR LAMAR'S ILLNESS .- A dispatch from Gen. E. C. Walthall to Senator Gordon, dated Jackson, Miss., this p. m., states that Senator Lamar's physician says his condition is serious, but not dangerous. His attack is believed to be vertigo, not paralysis.

BILL TO PAY U. S. MARSHALS,-The House committee on appropriations at their meeting to-day accepted the report of the sub-commit-

road company, made an elaborate argument this

THE BANKING AND CURRENCY COMMITTEE. Neither Mr. Fort or Mr. Price made any attempt at to-day's meeting of the banking and currency committee to call up their respective resolutions "to let the currency questions alone." Mr. Price, however, called up for action a bill previously introduced by himself to repeal the law providing for a tax on bank deposits. This led to quite a discussion, not on the merits of the bill, but on the question as to whether the proposition should not come from the committee on ways and means. Mr. Davis antagonized the bill with a proposition to repeal the law which requires bank checks to be stamped. The committee did not take action on either proposition, but requested Chairman Buckner to write a letter to Secretary Sherman, asking him the amount of revenue derived from the bank check stamp law, at to-day's meeting of the banking and currency

ocrats to terminate the present session of Conof "Economy" will not be heard of. There is a

Early Adjournment of Congress Expected.

LEGISLATION TO BE RUSHED WITH A VIEW TO

gress as early as practicable, the old watchword

tacit understanding that the committee on ap-

propriations shall rush in the appropriation

bills as rapidiy as possible. For this reason the

legislation. The low bond bill, offered by Mr. Wood, chairman of the ways and means committee, may lead to a lengthy discussion. The fact that Secretary Sherman opposes the bill it is thought will have great weight. Chairman Wood's friends say that a syndicate is ready in New York to take the 3½ per cent. bonds at par as soon as the desired legislation is effected for their issue. This, too, will undoubtedly have

great weight in determining the action of the House.

Society Notes.

ordinarily animated. Neither the threatening

skies of the afternoon, nor the rain of the eve-

ning 'seemed to keep any one at home who de

sired to enjoy the pleasures offered at the re-

ceptions by day or night. Most of the ladies on H street, between 14th and 18th receive on

on H street, between 14th and 1sth receive on Mondays, as well as many others between the extreme northwestern part of the city and the navy yard and arsenal, including those localities, and Capitol Hill as well; so Monday is sure to be a busy day with society people.

Marin's Hall, which was the scene in the evening of one of the agreeable assemblies and Germans given by the Army and Navy club, presented one of the most brilliant spectacles ever seen there. The hall was handsomely decorated with flags, and the attendance was uncommonly large, including a greater number than usual of the families of the higher officials.

Mrs. Ricketts received the guests and Mr. Slack

Mrs. Ricketts received the guests and Mr. Slack led in the german, which began at 12 p.m., the dancing prior to that hour including square as

was busily engaged yesterday in making calls in

THE INVESTIGATION OF THE STAR POSTAL SER

vice will be resumed to-morrow. Gen. Brady

said yesterday if the appropriation asked by the Post Office department was not forthcoming that the service in all the star routes will have to be suspended by March 10th next. It was noticeable yesterday that the republicans presed the inquiries submitted to Gen. Brady with more fervor than the democrats.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS met this

morning and took up the case of McCabe vs.

Orth, 9th Indiana district, on the pending mo-

Donnelly makes the closing argument to-mor-row evening in his case against Washburne.

THE PROPOSED NEW NAVAL OBSERVATORY

ETC.—The House naval committee this morning

agreed to report favorably to the House and

of the U. S. naval asylum at Philadelphia."

AT THE CABINET MEETING this afternoon Capt.

Eads' payment for Mississippi jetty work again

well as round dances.

The visiting yesterday was even more than

THAT END. In pursuance of the determination of the dem-

Several Senators presented numerously signed petitions for the appointment of a commission of inquiry into the alcoholic liquor traffic.

Mr. Kernan, presented the memorial of over 1,500 individuals and firms of New York state and city, of all political parties, for the withdrawal of the legal tender quality of Treasury notes. Mr. Kernan in presenting the memorial stated that he believed it represented the views of a majority of the citizens of New York, and he asked for the consideration it deserved.

bills as rapidiy as possible. For this reason the sums will be based upon those passed last year, without any material reductions. There will be no riders added to any of them, nor any features calculated to stir up a political discussion. The Marshals' deficiency appropriation bill is in charge of Mr. MacMahon, of Ohio. This bill may re-open some of the questions which were prominent during the special session, as it is alleged that marshals were appointed at the Congressional election held in California last September, and that a deficiency of \$1,000 is among the items asked for to pay for their services. The feeling among the more influential leaders on both sides is that there will be no tariff legislation, and that while there may be a financial discussion, there will be no financial elegislation. The low bond bill, offered by Mr. Wood, chairman of the ways and means com-York, and he asked for the consideration it deserved.

Mr. Saulsbury presented petitions of citizens of Delaware for the same purpose.

Bills were introduced and referred as follows:
By Mr. Morrill—Regulating authentications and use of proxies in meetings of national bank associations. By Mr. Slater—To declare forfeited certain lands granted to aid in the construction of a railroad from Portland to Astoria. By Mr. Saulsbury, by request)—To preserve's secrecy of telegrams. By Mr. Jonas—Authorizing the President of the United States to nominate Thomas Owens and Wm. Martin for assistant surgeons, not in the line of promotion.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee on finance reported favorably on the bill to admit free of duty articles intended for exhibition at the Millers' International Exhibition in June, and it

be set apart for that purpose.

Mr. Morrill offered the following resolution. which was laid on the table, and he announced his intention to speak upon it Thursday next: "Resolved. That the committee on finance be instructed to inquire as to the practicability of refunding any part of the national debt at a less rate than 4 per cent. Interest, and also as to whether or not some effective provision can be made whereby bona fide subscriptions for

sums in moderate amounts may be made available, and report by bills or otherwise."

At 1:10 p. in. the Senate, on motion of Mr. Carfield, by a vote of 28 to 25, went into execu-

sas; passed. [It extends the time allowed the Secretary of the Interior to instruct the U. S. land officers at Little Rock, under the act of March 3, 1877, for a period of 60 days from the passage of this bill.]

Mr. Blount, from committee on appropriations reported bill appropriating \$4,000 to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for furniture for the House. Passed.

Mr. Garfield, from committee on ways and means, reported resoulution for the purchase by the House Librarian of the works on finance and political economy, to be kept in the ways and means committee room. Adopted, yeas, 172; nays, 67.

dancing prior to that hour including square as well as round dances.

The diessing was even more than usually handsome, the number of satin dresses, especially white, being particularly noticeable. The favorite style of shirring shows better with a glossy satin than in any other material. Senator Davis' daughter (of West Virginia) wore one of the prettiest of these, combined with white brocade. Miss Chaimers' blue satin with shirred front had waist and draperies of blue brocaded velvet, on which were fastened very natural-looking cherries with long stems. Mrs. Furniss, who will not prolong her stay here over two weeks, wore a pale lemon-colored silk, draped with the same shade of crape and garlanded with flowers. Misses Burch and Miss Cunningham, of Nashville, were very beautifully dressed. With exquisite point lace. Mrs. Andrews wore lavender silk, draped with Brussells lace. Miss Lincoln, of Battimore, wore an elegant white satin, the whole front embroidered in colors; draperies were formed at the back, and on the sides of white Spanish blonde.

To-morrow evening Gen. and Mrs. Sherman

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To-morrow evening Gen. and Mrs. Sherman give a dancing party to their daughters and their young friends. Few. save those who dance, are asked. ... Mrs. Ricketts has invited guests from 3 to 6 p. m. next Friday, and asked others for an afternoon later in the season.

... Mrs. Van Rensselear Berry will give a theory worther. ...Mrs. Van Rensselear Berry will give a "flower party" on Thursday evening. The young ladies are requested to appear in white, each representing the flower used in trimming her dress. ...Justice and Mrs. Field gave a dinner party last evening in honor of their guests, a noted lawyer of the Pacific coast and his wife. ...The widow of Major Cary Frye. U. S. A., has arrived at the Riggs House. She lived here during the war. ...Mr. Corcoran was buelly appeared yeaterlay in making calls in

The House then resulted the consideration of the resolution reported from the committee on printing, of the report known as the "Glover" report, and the question was recommitted to the committee on printing, with instructions to that committee to inquire how the House lost possession of the report and who now has pos-session of it.

Mr. Wilson, from committee on printing, re-ported bill for the election of the Congressional printer. Referred to committee of whole on a point of order.

### The District in Congress. MUTUAL GAS COMPANY.

The sub-committee of the House committee of the District of Columbia on corporations will at to-morrow's meeting make a favorable report on the bill to incorporate the municipal gas company of the District of Columbia. In order to hear the arguments pro and con of those in-terested, the session will be a public one.

The new tax and license bill of the District of Columbia has been printed, and is eagerly sought for by citizens of the District.

Orth, 9th Indiana district, on the pending motion to dismiss the appeal of the contestant. After some discussion a vote was taken, resulting yeas 6, nays 8. Representative Phister then moved to grant the petition of the contestant and permit him to go on and take testimony. Representative Kelfer offered a substitute "that a committee of five members be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to investigate any and all questions of bribery, corruption, fraud or illegal voting alleged to have been committed by any person or persons in the election of members of Congress from the First Congressional district of the state of Indiana, the said committee to have power to send for persons and papers." After some further discussion the committee adjourned till next Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., without taking any action on either the motion or substitute. Mr. Donnelly makes the closing argument to-morroy correction in the second of the state of the persons and papers." After some further discussion the committee adjourned till next Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., without taking any action on either the motion or substitute. Mr. say, and considerably torn uy in mind. In his manded by the commission, and thought that their surrender could yet be effected. He, him-self, is somewhat broken by his receni experi-ences, to which a rough travel by rail has been added.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE.-The regular weekly meeting of the Senate finance committee this morning was wholly devoted to the considthis morning was whonly devoted to the consuleration of executive business. A large number of nominations were passed upon to be reported back to the Senate, but, as above indicated, neither the Bayard resolution nor any other agreed to report favorably to the Heuse and urge the adoption of Representative Whitthorne's bill, to locate and purchase a site for a new naval observatory at Washington. The bill provides for the appointment of a commission, consisting of one Senator, one member of the House and the superintendent of the observatory, who shall select the site and report their action to the President, who shall direct the Secretary of the Navy to make the purchase of such site, and take the title in the name of the United States. It appropriates \$75,000 for the purpose. The committee also agreed to report favorably the bill "to appoint a rear admiral from the retired list to be governor of the U. S. naval asylum at Philadelphia." public measure was brought up to-day.

such a perilous position, secured the services of a young lad and launched a third boat, and after a good deal of difficulty and danger, had the satisfaction of bringing the four men safe to shore.—[Portland (Oregon) Bee, Dec. 29,

MINISTER ACQUITTED OF FORGERY.—The Rev. George H. Van Deusen, who has been undergoing examination before Commissioner McMasters, at Plattsburg, on the charge of forging papers on which to base his application for an invalid pension, has been discharged. Although the party purporting to sign the presented affidavits, and the justices and notaries purporting to have signed the jurats, declared the signatures to be forgeries of their names, the government was unable to furnish positive evidence that it was the work of Mr. Van Deusen further than that he was the party to profit by the proposed fraud.—[Troy Free Press, Jan. 9th.

Salvini and Rossi were to appear in the same piece at an Italian theater. The manager was at loss to know how to have the bills printed. He dared not put the name of one of the two equally renowned actors first for fear of mortally offending the other. Finally he hit upon the happy expedient of printing both names diagonally, so that they crossed each other upon the piay bill like a letter X.

STRANGE STORY OF IOWA SCHOOL FUNDS.—The late report of the superintendent of public instruction of lowa contains a statement of losses to the schools funds of the state by deficits in reports of district officers for the seven years commencing 1673, which presents a truly startling condition of things. From this appears that the total losses for the seven years foot up the immense sum of \$49,518.51, an average of \$70,216.93 per year, of which the teachers fund lost \$262,470.50; the school-house fund, \$175,-144.53, and the contingent fund, \$53,903.48. This statement of losses reveals either gross carelessness or dishonesty in the school district treasurers or others who caused the losses, and shows there is pressing need for immediate and far-reaching reforms in the methods of handling school money.—(Des Moines (Roya) Leader, 7th.

Suicide of a Prisoner.—Joseph Halfner, of Andalusia, Bucks county, Pa., was committed to jail Sunday, for murdering Jacob Gerber by shooting him in a quarrel about board money. Halfner's wife and child called to see him yesterday morning, but when his cell door was opened he was found dead in bed, having cut his throat from ear to ear.

# Telegrams to The Star

LATEST FROM MAINE.

The Two Legislatures. The Court to Decide.

UNEASY CROWNED HEADS. RUSSIAN IMPERIAL FAMILY TROUBLES.

THE QUEEN OF SPAIN'S ILLNESS.

THE SITUATION IN MAINE. Action of the Republican Legislature.

AUGYSTA, ME., Jan. 13.—At a quarter of two o'clock this morning the committee of the republican house to report questions to submit to the supaeme court, submitted a series which it was voted to submit to the court. The questions are lengthy and as yet incomplete and will not

was voted to submit to the court. The questions are lengthy and as yet incomplete, and will not be given to the public until to-day. Both branches then adjourned at 2:15, until Saturday, January 17, at 7 p. m. Acting Governor Lamson will issue orders to-day, ordering the militia not to obey the orders of Gen. Chamberlain. Forty republicans came to the city last night by the Pullman train. the Pullman train.

Mr. Hale Defines the Republican Mr. Hale Defines the Republican Position.

Mr. Hale, in his remarks relative to the order submitting questions to the supreme court, said the representatives assembled here did not desire a control which the law did not give them, and did not wish to ride rough-shod over any one, as they might have done days ago but for the main purpose and great purpose indicated in the order; and when the court shall decide the onestion the people of Maine will take that the question the people of Maine will take that decision as a final exposition of the law upon the question of organization, and it will be expected that everybody in the hall will accept it as laid down by the court.

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The Fusionist Legislature.

Augusta, Me., Jan. 13.—Both branches of the legislature quietly assembled to-day without disturbance, the republicans absenting themselves. The night at the capitel passed very quietly, there being no disturbances. A full guard was on duty. The only thing irregular which occurred this morning was when G. W. Martin attempted to pass the guard in defiance of the police regulations, and was summarily handled by the police. The fusionists are very reticent about expressing their opinion of the events of last night. They seem surprised and are entirely unwilling to converse uyon the subject.

Mr. White Refuses to Appear Before the Bribery Investigation Commit-tee.

Wallace R. White, whose card of denial of bribery has been published, has been summoned before the bribery committee, but has refused to appear. The following is his card:

"To Henry Ingalis, chairman of investigating committee: I have received your summons to appear before your committee, charged with the investigation of the alleged bribery of T. B. Swan and Moses Harriman. I decline to appear for the reason that you are not competent to send for persons and papers, and not competent to administer a legal oath. Witnesses before you could swear to anything without incurring the hazard of prosecution for perjury. If Swan and Harriman had secured a bribe they would naturally swear falsely about it; and if they merely put up a job they would be still more likely to testify falsely. When I meet them I want it to be before a tribunal that has power to enforce its decrees and to administer, purishment. has power to enforce its decrees and to admintives is illegally organized or not organized at all, and if you have any doubt in that point I shall be glad to have you arrest me for contempt, and thus have the authority of your process tested by a writ of habeas corpus before the supreme judicial court. If I am not sustained by that tribunal I shall cheerfully appear before your committee. [Signed]

WALLACE R. WHITE." Both Sides Waiting for the Court.

Augusta, Me., Jan. 13.—In the Senate a petition was presented for a bridge across George's river at Friendship. The house transacted no business whatever. The reported scheme of electing a governor and state officers has apparantly heavy shortened both the service of the state of t recting a governor and state officers has apparently been abandoned, both parties seeming willing to await the decision of the Supreme Court before proceeding further. Mr. Lamson, who claims to be the acting governor has as yet performed no official act that at all interferes with the prerogatives of Gen. Chamberlain. The house has taken a recess until 2 p. m.

# FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Improving an American Invention. LONDON, Jan. 13.—A Geneva dispatch to the Times Says:—Prof. Colladon, of Geneva, has Times Says:—Prof. Colladon, or Geneva, nas effected an important improvement in the contrivance for enabling deaf mutes to hear through the teeth, lately discovered in the United States. For the India rubber apparatus used by the American inventor, which is somewhat costly. Prof. Colladon substitutes a piece of elastic card board. board.

French Opinion of the Irish Crisis.

Paris, Jau. 13.—The Ultramontane newspaper, the Univers, has a violent article on the Irish crists. It represents the English government as absorbed in African and Afghan affairs, and heedless of the sufferings of the Irish, and speaks of the Duchess of Marlborough's relief fund and the foreign subscriptions as utterly inadequate to alleviate the popular distress.

Book Russia Maan War. Does Russia Mean War.

Loxbon, Jan 13.—The Vienna correspondent of the *Times* says: The new developments in Russia may be very significant of what may happen ten years hence, but those persons who are conversant with Russian military affairs do ore conversant with Russian minitary affairs do not think that Russia is preparing for some great action in the immediate future. The work of reorganization and introducing a standing order of battle in time of peace—which was greatly disturbed by the Turkish war—entalls much moving about of troops and material—movements very apt to be construed into something quite different from their real intention. thing quite different from their real intention.

Murdered in 1872. WILKESBARRE, PA., Jan. 13.—Warrants were issued at Kingston yesterday for the arrest of Wm. Allenbaum, of Plymouth, Wesley Williams, of Plains, and a man known as "Big Yank," also of Plains, who are charged with the murder of Wm. Keating in 1872. It is alleged that Keating was beaten to death and his body burned with brush. Allenbaum has been arrested and committed to prison.

Harriseurg, Jan. 13.—At Middletown, Pa., this morning Thomas Newman, colored, accidentally set fire to the buildings at Cameron furnace, and the tunnel-head and part of the gangway were destroyed. Newman was burned to death. The loss by the fire will not exceed \$2.000.

Change of Management.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13.—Messrs. Barton and
Hill have retired from the management of the
California Theater, which is assumed by Sam
Colville, who will open on the 19th with Wil-

BALTIMORE, Jan. 13.—Virginia sixes, deferred, 8; do. consols, 57½; do. second series, 31; do. past due coupons, 77; do. new ten-forties, 37½, North Carolina sixes, old, 26½ bid to-day.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 13.—Cotton firm—middling, 12½. Flour dull and without change. Wheat, southern lower and nominal; western better, but closed dull—southern red, 1.35al.38; do. amber, 1.40al.45; No. 2 western winter red, spot and January, 1.44½; February, 1.47al.47½; March, 1.51½; al.51½; April, 1.54al.54½; May, 1.55. Corn. southern steady; western steady for spot and futures dull—southern white, 61a63; do. yellow, 58; western mixed, 45a, 45½; January, 57; February, 57½, a57½; March, 57½, a57½; steamer, 56. Oats steady—southern, 48a49; western white, 47a48; do. mixed, 46a47; Pennayivania, 47a48. Rye quiet, 98a97. Hay unchanged. Provisions firm but unchanged. Butter quiet—prime to choice western packed, 23a29; roll, 16a23. Eggs dull, 15a16. Petroleum dull and unchanged. Coffee steady and without change. Sugar firm—A soft, 9½. Whisky dull, 1.11a1.12. Freights to Liverpool per steamer dull and unchanged. Receipts—Bour, 2, 976 barrels; wheat, 22, 600 bushels; corn, 77, 700 bushels; costs, 3, 100 bushels; rye, 900 bushels. Shipments—wheat, 508, 900 bushels; corn, 106, 000 bushels. NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Stocks strong. Money, 5 The Markets.

ments firm NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Flour quiet. Wheat firm NEW YORK, 38H. 19.—Front que.

Corn quiet.

LONDON, Jan. 13. 19:30 p. m.—Consols,
97 15-16 for both. U. S. bonds, 4 per cents.

1.07);: 4½ per cents, 111; new fives, 166½.

Atlantic and Great Western first mortgage trustees'
certificates, 69; do. second do., 37½. Eris, 44½.

Pennsylvania Central, 52½. Reading, 35½.

LONDON, Jan. 13. 2 p. m.—Consols, 97½ for both. Atlantic and Great Western first mortgage rustees' certificates, 69½.

# MISERIES OF ROYAL FAMILIES.

Russian Imperial Family Dis-sensions—The Dying Empress Try-ing to Beconcile Her Husband and Son.

Czareona are virtually imprisoned in the pal-ace. His uncle, the Grand Duke Constantine, believes his own life endangered, he having of-fended the favorite. Prince Orloff's journey to Cannes is in obedience to the Empress' summons. She wishes to confide to him a message for the Czar, which she date not telegraph. Prince Orloff has been for the past two days Prince Orloff has been for the past two days unable to approach the Empress, whose sufferings are rendered tolerable only by subcutaneous injections, and who is kept alive by artificial atmosphere, pumped into her lungs. Nevertheless she ordered the Greek Christmas and New Years day to be observed by the children. Midnight and morning jubilant masses were celebrated at the villa by the retinue. The Duchess of Edinburgh gives parties, but devotes herself to her mother. The Duke quitted Cannes. The Duchess telegraphed her brother: "Come to take leave of mother."

Critical Condition of the Queen of Private reports from Madrid, of the Queen's state, excite grave apprehensions. Since the attempt on King Alfonso's life the Queen falls into fit after fit, but musters strength enough to appear publicly and then relapses. She cannot endure the King's absence. Her condition is the more serious because an heir is expected.

Wall Street To-Day.

New York, Jan. 13.—The Post's financial article says: The Stock Exchange markets are all strong and active to-day and the renewed speculation which began in the late weeks of the old year appears to be steadily gathering momentum, and this without the aid of the large speculators who led the great rise of 1879. The stocks of reorganized companies are the special features, and it is notable that those whose roads are in the southern and southwestern states appear to be the favorites, as, for example, Chesapeake and Ohio, Houston and Texas. ple, Chesapeake and Ohio, Houston and Texas, Nashville and Chattanooga, St. Louis and New Orleans, Mobile and Ohio, &c. Even southern state bonds are attracting speculation, Virginia 6's deferred having advanced to 9. Of the older stocks the features to-day are Erie, Western Union telegraph, the coal shares, Pacific Mail and Iron Mountain. Government bonds are strong at unchanged prices, the recent advance in the 4 per cent's, has, it is reported, had the support of purchases for Mr. Vanderbilt, these bonds be-ing as available as cash, and yet carrying a fair rate of interest. Rallroad investments continue strong. Of the shares, New York Central is 13434. New Haven & Hartford 15534. and Cleveland & Pittsburg 110. Speculative bonds are active. the features being the issues of the Kansas and Texas, Mobile and Ohio, Chesapeake and Ohio and the Erle. Money on call is 5as per cent. on ordinary stock collateral and 4a5 per cent. on

Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the Corcoran Gallery of Art. CURATOR'S REPORT.

The seventh annual meeting of the board of trustees of the Corcoran Gallery of Art was held last evening in the building. The usual reports from the various committees were read. The same members of the committees and the same officers in charge of the gallery were re-elected. Various miscellaneous matters being disposed of, Curator MacLeod read his report on the operations of the Gallery of Art during the past year, an abstract of which follows:

GALLERY OF PAINTINGS.

The whole number of pictures exhibited in the galleries belonging to the institution at present, is 169; additions made in 1879, 22. Of these 16 are portraits of the Presidents, from March 1988, and went home with two girls about 9% o'clock, and they met a girl named Mullins, who told them of the murder.

Queenan was next called on, and he was found when the presidents of the presidents of the presidents. the galleries belonging to the institution at present, is 169; additions made in 1879, 22. Of these 16 are portraits of the Presidents, from Washington to Lincoln, with five others of Mrs. Washington to Lincoln, with five others of Mrs. Washington, John C. Calhoun, Henry Clay, (a miniature), and Stephen A. Douglas, and one landscape. Fifteen of the portraits of the Presidents, with those of Mrs. Washington and Mr. Peabody, are copies from Gilbert Stuart, by Healy, or originals by him, and were purchased by Mr. Corcoran from T. B. Bryan, Esq. There was no portrait of President Harrison in this collection, but recently an excellent one was purchased. It is a copy by E. Andrews, an eminent artist of this city, from the famous original portrait by W. H. Beard, painted in 1849. The portrait of Mr. Calhoun was painted about 1826, when he was Secretary of War, by Charles B. King, for the late Virgil D. Maxcy, Md. The crayon portrait of Mr. Douglas was executed in New York, in 1860, by J. Emile Saintin, of Paris, and presented by him to the Gallery. The miniature of Mr. Clay was painted in 1842, by Blanchard, and for years belonged to the late Joseph Gales, Esq. This fine work is for the present kept in the trustees' room.

During 1879, 31 persons have copied pictures to the number of 45. A smaller number has drawn from the casts. The number of pictures exhibited not belonging to the gallery was 57. Among them, the great treaty portraits of Daniel Webster and Lord Ashburton, and an interesting series of Japanese pictures painted in black and white, by Gen. Helne, artist in the

esting series of Japanese pictures painted in black and white, by Gen. Heine, artist in the expedition of Commodore Perry to Japan. In the sculpture gallery there have been no additions of importance. Some casts were re-ceived from the Smithsonian Institution, and are not on exhibition, save one of a sleeping child, by Pettrich, and a bust of the latter, who

cut in marble the statue of the Dying Tecumseh, now in the gallery. An antique marble medallion bass-relief of a Bacchante was received from the same source and is hung in the bronze hall. Two of the four statues ordered from Mr. Ezekiel, sculptor at Rome, for the front niches of the gallery, have arrived and will be elevated when new pedestals are ready for their elevation to the central niches. They represent Phidias and Raphael. The two others, M. Angelo and Albert Durer, are expected to arrive soon. Of the catalogue, three editions have been issued in 1879, and over 3,300 copies sold. The photographic department, a peculiar feature in the operations of the Corcoran gallery, has issued during the past year unusually fine examples of its work, 1,500 copies of which have been disposed or in the building, the only place where they are sold. cut in marble the statue of the Dying Tecum

The number of visitors during 1879 was 61,721, The number of visitors during 1879 was 61,721, of which 51,949 were free, and 9,772 were pay visitors. The largest number (free) attending was on Thanksgiving day, 1,055. Largest number at night (pay) was 420. By order of the board of trustees the night exhibitions will begin on Thursday evening, January 15, at so o'clock, with the usual charge of 10 cents, and continue weekly until further notice. The curator reports that notwithstanding the large free attendance in the galleries nothing of consequence during the past year has occurred to disturb the order and decorum of the various galleries or injure their valuable contents. galleries or injure their valuable contents.

NO NEW CASES OF SMALL-POX have been reported to-day up to 1 o'clock and no deaths. Up to the present time there has been received and sold to the various physicians about 15,000 vac-cine points, nearly all of which have been used. More points are arriving daily at the health

THE HUDSON ICE CROP.—Dispatches from the Upper Hudson show that the ice had broken up as far as Tivoli, and was moving with the tide north of Tivoli. It was wasting away rapidly and much alarm was beginning to be felt at all points over a failure of the ice crop, which at this season usually furnishes employment to a large number of needy persons.

THE INDIANS have been raiding of late in New Mexico, and fears are entertained that they will declare war on all citizens of the Pecos Valley. Gen. Pope has ordered all the troops in southern New Mexico to march rapidly against these Indians. these Indians. THE COLD WAVE .-- The weather is colder in

the west. During the past 24 hours the thermometer has fallen as follows: Chicago 27 degrees, Indianapolis 28, Madison, Wis., 41, St. Louis 29.

PARNELL AND DILLON met with a warm reception in Boston yesterday. They spoke there last night at Music Hall. To-day they will receive addresses from various deputations, and afterwards hold a public reception at Faneuil Hall. To-night Parnell will speak in Lovell, and during the remainder of the week will visit other New England cities.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.—In the Louisiana senate yesterday John Clegg was elected secretary. The house elected R. N. Ogden, of Orleans, speaker. P. J. Trezevant, of Caddo, elerk, and Major Thomas W. McIntyre, of Orleans,

Four trans-Atlantic steamers, a steamer from Havana and one from Bermuda arrived in a bunch at New York Sunday, and brought the postoffice authorities 160,000 letters to sort.

Filenry Holland, 28 years old, a lawyer, committed suicide in New York yesterday by shooting himself at his office.

LOCAL NEWS.

The P Street Murder. Among the witnesses examined yesterday af-ternoon at the inquest over the body of the late

George Phillip Hirth were the following: George Phillip Hirth were the following:

Sarah Lee, a mulatto woman, testified that she lives in service at 1760 T street northwest. On the night of the murder she left for home at about half past 7 o'clock. She came out by the P street circle, and was on her way towards the Miner school building. She was going up towards the pavement when she saw a crowd. It was near where the murder was committed, as she has since learned. She heard a sound as if some one was saying "Oh! oh! oh!" She turned off by way of the path leading to the school house, and met a colored man running. He said something to her, asking her what she was something to her, asking her what she was siding up that way for. She kept on, as she was frightened. [Here Johnson was requested to put his hat on, and the witness said he looked very much like the one she saw.] There were

several in the crowd on P street when the groan-ing was heard. The man she saw running was going away from the crowd. (Here the scarf picked up was shown Johnson New York, Jan. 13.—London specials state that the Empress of Russia has telegraphed the Czar from Cannes that she wishes to return to St. Petersburg to die there, having first reconciled her husband and son and established peace in that divided family. The Empress says the father suspects his son of conniving at Nihllist plots, while the sen accuses the father of dragging the Russian Imperial family down to ruin. The Emperor's mistress poisons his mind with suspicions against his son. The Czarewitch and Czareona are virtually imprisoned in the paland he said it was the same one "Babe" Bedford and saw a crowd standing at the corner of Sansson street. One of them asked him what time it was. He recognized "Babe" as the one who asked what time it was. They left him and went down Samson street, "Babe" remarking "Come on, boys, or we'll be late." Witness had heard that Queenan owed Hirth a grudge about his being arrested once several months since.

John T. Lighter testified that he resided on 7th street northeast. His place of business is at 1634 14th street. He was in Buckingham's store, on 14th street, the night of the murder. Queenan was the only one he knew of the prisoners. He knew nothing of the case, and did not see Queenan, but he had understood that he was there. His son saw him.

Detective Voss testified that he looked over the freshly dumped ground on the commons on

the freshly dumped ground on the commons on the morning after the murder, and could not find but one set of tracks. The tracks were in the direction from the place of murder to the Miner school building. The tracks run into a path, where he lost sight of them. He took particular notice of the size and shape of the tracks, which were made by a No. 6 or 7 shoe. He described the tracks made, showing that they were made by a small foot.

were made by a small foot.

Frederick Vaux, fifteen years old, testified that he lives at 2146 Pa. avenue. Yesterday morning he picked up a handkerchief near the P-street circle, and a stone with it; the handkerchief wrapped around it; they were both very bloody.

THE PRISONERS IN JAIL.

After the close of the inquest yesterday the prisoners—Bedford, Queenan and Pinn—were taken to the police ambulance in charge of several officers, and driven immediately to jail, surrounded on the way by a detachment of mounted police. They appeared considerably frightened at seeing the vast throng of people outside the station house and all so much excited. A large crowd of colored and white persons followed the ambulance and escort for a considerable distance, but District Commissioner Morgan, who had been present during the inquest, advised the escort to take a double quick on the way down, so the followers soon got tired and fell behind. The prisoner Johnson was taken to jail in a hack and was not remitted to remain with the other three prisoners. On their arrival at the jail they were at once assigned cells, Bedford, Pinn THE PRISONERS IN JAIL. they were at once assigned cells, Bedford, Pinn and Queenan being placed in the south wing; Queenan being placed on the second floor, and the others on the first, but some distance from each other. They all to-day deny any knowledge of the murder. edge of the murder.

THE PRISONERS DENY ALL-KNOWLEDGE OF THE CRIME.

Johnson, who will be used as a witness, was placed in a cell in the north wing. Queenan was recognized as one who had been in jall a number of times for light offenses, and as hav-ing been once sent to the reform school; but Bedford and Pinn, as far as known, entered

there as prisoners for the first time.

They were all quite stolcal in their demeanor and had nothing to say about the matter to the guards. Pinn was found lying down on his bed to-day, and in reply to questions by a STAR man said that he could prove where he was that night; that ex-Policeman Brown was with him when he walked out to T street, between 17th and 18th streets, the officer going to Cedar st. He never saw Bedford that night till he came to the house where he was, Mrs. Halls. Bedford came there and remained half an hour, and went out with two girls, and when he came back he told him of the murder. He never knew Johnson, and did not see him that night, nor did he see Hirth.

Bedford said that he did not know Johnson,

except that his name was Ben; that he left the store on 14th, near R street, that night a while after six o'clock and went by 15th to S, 16th and

asleep, and it was some moments before he could be awakened. He said he saw Bedford that night; that he came in the shoe shop on samson street, and remained about an hour, and when he left Bedford came out behind him, and they went out together, he going out to a house on T street, between 14th and 15th, and Bedford somewhere else.

After Queenan's statement Bedford was called the content and asked about the shoe shon and

on again, and asked about the shoe shop and he then remembered that Queenan was there, and that they stood a little while on the corner of 14th and Samson streets, but he could not tell how long they were in the shop, nor how long they remained on the corner.

For the present there is no conversation allowed with Johnson, and, although he has been in jail several times before, he has a good characteristics. acter among the guards and others for truthful-

ness.

District Government Affairs.
District Commissioners Dent and Morgan spent most of the morning hours to-day before the House committee on the District to show the necessity for the appropriation of \$20,000 for filling up the old canal, and there is a fair prospect of the passage of the joint resolution for that purpose.

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THE NEW MUNICIPAL CODE

for the District of Columbia will be introduced
in the House at the first opportunity, so that it
can be printed and recommitted. It will make
a document of over one hundred pages, and has
been put in shape by Mr. Claggett, the efficient
clerk of the District committee, who has spent
hours of patient labor upon it.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

Inspector Entwise and his assistants are engaged in the preparation of the two plans and specifications for the new school building on Massachusetts avenue, for which bids will probably be invited by advertisement tomorrow. The two new school rooms in the Northeastern market house have been prepared and are now ready to be occupied. The old and are now ready to be occupied. The old school building on H, between 13th and 14th streets, has been abandoned, and the school transferred to the room formerly occupied by the Sallors' and Soldiers' Orphans' Home, on G street, between 17th and 18th streets, which has been leased for public school purposes. There is accommodation here for two schools.

BUILDING PERMITS
issued by Inspector Entwisle: Jas. L. Suman, construct two two-story brick dwellings, E, between 1st and 2d sts. n.w.; \$3,300. H. Clay Jones, construct a two-story warehouse, N, between Del. ave. and 2d st. s.w.; \$2,500. Roberty o'Neil, construct three two-story dwellings, 2d, between F and G sts. s.w.; \$1,200.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL of the Mount Zion Baptist Church, 12th and E streets northeast, Rev. Adam Green, pastor, held their usual Christmas festival in the church on Thursday evening, festival in the church on Thursday evening, Jan. 8th. The exercises commenced by singing "Shall we Gather at the River," led by Miss Martha Moten; followed by prayer by Mr. Smith; an address by Wm. J. Webb on the importance of punctuality in the Sunday School, and distribution of candies and cakes to the children. After a pleasant hour spent in singing and marching round the church by the children, the exercises closed by singing and mayer. The singing was led by Miss Marcha

An Exciting Scene took place this morning at Police Headquarters, in which Frank Minor, of Fairfax county, Va., and Edward Butler, of Alexandria county, Va., and Edward Butler, of Alexandria county, Va., took the leading parts. They had had a difficulty about the ownership of a horse and wagon in Virginia. Butler charges, in a warrant issued, by Justice John M. Thompson, of Alexandria, that Minor obtained the horse and wagon of him by false pretences. This, he brought to this city yesterday, both Minor and the horse being here, and obtained a new warrant from Justice Richards, charging Minor as above. This was for the purpose of having Minor arraigned before the Police Court here, and to lay a fonndation for the recovery of his horse. It appears that after Minor obtained the horse and wagon from Butler, on the 16th October last, he brought them to this city and placed them in a stable on 6th street, above G streel. Butler and his wife, a few days since, came to the city in search of the property, and discovering the wagon in the alley in the read of Minor's house, they took possession of it, hauled it to the landing and shipped it to Butler's house. Minor this morning swore out a warrant at the Police Court, charging Butler with stealing it, and both cases will come before the police court to-morrow. Both Minor and Butler were held in their own recognizance for a hearing. At headquarters this morning, Minor and Butler met, and the war of words between them was very lively, Butler accusing Minor of robbery and being a false pretender, and Minor declaring that he bought the horse and wagon from Butler giving his note for the payment (\$45), which Bufler denies stating that it is false, and that Minor met him on the high-way and with a pistol pointed at his head took them from him by force. Butler declars that he has the wagon, and now he will have the horse, and will land Minor in prison for robbing him.

Louis Reil, of the Red River rebellion toriety, is at Fort Assimbolne, waiting for termination of his period of exile.

He is the guest of Hon. Levi P. Morton.

George Alfred Townsend, and Joseph Pulitzer, of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, accompanied by his wife, are at Willard's. ... Orvil Grant has established himself in the leather business in Chicago. ... Rev. Dr. Newman, formerly pastor of the Metropolitan M. E. church here, is in town, and is the recipient of much attention at the hands of members of his old congregation. \*\*Mrs. Scott Siddons has given most grave offense to the faculties at Asbury university, in Indian, by reading before the students in a low-necked dress.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Henry C. Potter, D. D.

rector of Grace church, New York, is in town.

ain in the navy.

came up for discussion. Capt. Eads claims that he should receive 5 per cent. Interest on the \$1,000,000 which is withheld from payment to him until the permanency of his work is asured. The law seems to be one-sided. The question was thoroughly discussed, and was referred to the Attorney General for decision. January 19-Kiralfy's BLACK CROOK tee to whom was referred the matter of U. S. marshais pay, and agreed to report to the House a bill appropriating \$600,000, as desired by the attorney general and suggested in his annual report annual report. following nominations to the Senate to-day:-To be post masters:-Thos. J. Tiffany, at Ben-To be post masters:—Thos. J. Tiffany, at Bennington, Vt.: Horace C. Lee, at Springfield, Mass; Mrs. Mary M. Coggesball, at Westerville; Jno. Huston, at Millersburg, O.; Simeon Walker, at Carbondale, Ill.; Lucian H. Post, at Dekalb Centre, Ill.; Wm. N. Smith, at Englewood, Ill.; Frank Hatton, at Burlington, Iowa; Ralph Connable, Peloskey, Mich. To be assistant surgeons, with the rank of 1st lieutenant:—Geo. McCreery, of New York City; E. D. Schue, of New York City; Richard C. Newton, of New York state; Jno. J. Cockran, of Masssachusetts. THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE had under consideration to-day a bill providing that in all cases of transfer of causes from state to federal courts, the amount involved shall exceed two thousand dollars. The present law allows such transfer in cases involving \$500; also that the plaintiff shall not have the right of appeal for transfer at all, and the defendant only where issue is joined. VICE-PRESIDENT BLANCHARD, of the Eric rail-COL. D. B. AINGER, the new city postmaster,

road company, made an elaborate argument this morning before the House committee on commerce against the passage of the Reagan-Foster state commerce bill. He also spoke on the representation of several of the frunk lines. He favored a commission to inquire into the subject in a practical way in advance of legislation. He thinks the pending bill is in the interest of making New Orleans the export center of the country, as under its provisions, he says, no western produce for export will be shipped to New York by rail, but will go via the Mississippi river to New Orleans. entered fully on his duties to-day and had a conference with the superintendents of the several divisions, to whom he made known his desires and wishes as to the conduct of the office, and expressed the hope that they would aid him to make this a model office, and all promised to do so. CONFIRMATIONS. - The Senate, in executive ession this afternoon, confirmed a large numsession this afternoon, confirmed a large number of nominations for army promotions. The list confirmed was the same that was recently published as being reported back from the military committee. The Senate also confirmed G. W. French to be chief justice of Arizona territory, and a number of postmasters; Capt. Edward Barrett, of N. Y., to be commodore; and Commander O. F. Stanton, of N. Y., to be captain in the navy.

# FORTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

TUESDAY, January 13. SENATE.-The Vice President laid before the Senate a communication from the Postmaster General recommending various minor deficiency appropriations for the year 1879-1880, amount

ing to \$101,000. Several Senators presented numerously signed

was passed.

Mr. Vest introduced a bill to prohibit clerks of

federal courts from taking fees for copying records in common law actions in the book mr. Ferry announced that to suit the convenience of various Senators he would not ask the Senate to devote Thursday to the obseques of the late Senator Chandler as he had intended to do, but would hereafter ask that another day be set apart for that purpose.

The doors were reopened at 1:50 p. m.
On motion of Mr. Thurman, the House bill to
provide for circuit courts and district courts of
the United States at Columbus, Ohio, and transferring certain counties from the northern to

the southern district of that state was taken up HOUSE .- Mr. Converse, chairman of commit tee on public lands, reported back Senate bill touching the Hot Springs reservation in Arkansas; passed. [It extends the time allowed the

and means committee room. Adopted, yeas, 172; nays, 67.

Mr. Brewer presented petition of the general assembly of the Presbyterian churches on the subject of the liquor traffic. Referred.

Mr. Hiscock introduced till extending the jurisdiction of commissioners of U. S. Circuit Courts and providing for the more summary conviction of persons guilty of offences punishable by fine. Referred.

The House then resumed the consideration of the resolution reported from the committee on

THE NEW TAX BILL.

THE UTE INDIANS have remained quietly at their hotel to-day. They are very tired they interview with Secretary Schurz yesterday, Ouray expressed himself in the same manner that he has heretofore. He was desirous, he said, of turning over the twelve Indians de-

An Oregon Woman's Heroism.—On Sunday, the 21st instant, Mr. Johnson started from his residence across Fraser river to come to Victoria in a boat, but he had not gone far when the boat was nipped by ice, and he and his companion were compelled to trust to its treacherous support. Two men, who witnessed the accident, went at once to the rescue, but their boat met a similar fate, and they, too, were 1-ft helpless on the drifting ice. Mrs. Johnson, seeing her husband and his three companions in such a perilous position, secured the services of